

Proposed Project

The California Energy Commission received an Application for Certification (AFC) on 10/21/2009, requesting a license to construct, own and operate a solar generating facility capable of producing approximately 450,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of renewable energy annually, with a nominal net generating capacity of 150 megawatts (MW).

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The Public Adviser is an attorney appointed by the Governor to serve as adviser to the public and to the Energy Commission to ensure full and meaningful participation in Energy Commission proceedings by members of the public.

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**CALIFORNIA
ENERGY COMMISSION**

Rice Solar Energy Project

Notice of Proposed Power Plant (Docket No. 09-AFC-10)

Proposed Location

The proposed site is adjacent to State Route (SR) 62, which parallels a portion of the Arizona-California Railroad and the Colorado River Aqueduct, near the junction of SR 62 and Blythe-Midland Road, and near the sparse remains of the abandoned town of Rice, California. The nearest occupied residence is approximately 15 miles northeast at the rural crossroads community of Vidal Junction, California. The nearest town is Parker, Arizona (population 3,181), approximately 32 miles east. The total area that will be disturbed by project construction and operation is about 1,410 acres. In addition, it will be necessary to install a 10-mile, 230-kilovolt (kV) generator tie-line to connect the proposed project with the existing Western Area Power Administration Parker-Blythe transmission line.

Public Site Visit and Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting

The Energy Commission has designated a Committee of two commissioners to conduct proceedings on the AFC. You are invited to join the Committee on a bus tour to the proposed site and attend an informational hearing/scoping meeting. At this event, the applicant will describe the project. The Energy Commission will explain the energy facility licensing process and ways to become an effective public participant. The presentations will be followed by an opportunity for the public to offer comments and concerns about the proposal, as well as identify potential environmental impacts for consideration by the Commission. The public is encouraged to attend to learn about the project, the process, public participation and to make comments.

Monday, January 25, 2010

1:15 PM –Site Visit (bus leaves)

Meet the bus at the Blythe City Hall parking lot
235 North Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225

- » BUS RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
- » Call (800) 822-6228 **(by Wednesday, January 20, 2010)** and indicate the number of reservations needed.
- » Attendees will board a bus at 1:15 PM and tour the proposed project site.
- » Buses will return to the Blythe City Hall parking lot.

5:00 PM – Public Informational Hearing/Scoping Meeting

Blythe City Hall
235 North Broadway, Blythe, CA 92225

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate, contact Lourdes Quiroz by January 20, 2010, at (916) 654-5146 or email: lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us.

Additional Information

Project information and documents are available on the California Energy Commission website: www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/ricesolar. You can also sign up on the List Server (electronic interest list) for this project from the website.

The Application for Certification is locally available for review at:

- » Parker Public Library – 1001 Navajo Ave, Parker, AZ 85344
- » Palo Verde Valley District Library – 125 W. Chanslorway, Blythe, CA 92225
- » Lake Tamarisk Library – 43880 Lake Tamarisk Drive, Desert Center, CA 92239

If you would like further information or to be placed on a mailing list to receive notice of public workshops or hearings regarding this case, please contact the Public Adviser's Office.